cases were detected. Actions such as issuing warning to concerned traders, levying fine for renewal of registration, issuing show cause notice etc. were taken by the Board.

(ङ) उक्त बर्तनों का किन-किन देशों को निर्यात किया गया था ?

(मूल्य करोड़ रु. में)

मद	1990–91	1991–92	अप्रैल सितम्बर, 1992
ई० पी० एन० एस० केयर	24.96	41.01	23.40
पीतल के बर्तन	0.30	0.36	0.36
तांबे के बर्तन	0.26	0.51	0.37
योग	25.52	41.88	24.13

(स्रोत : इंजीनियरी निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद)

(च) उपर्युक्त मदों का 30 से भी अधिक देशों को निर्यात किया जा रहा है । इनमें से प्रमुख देश ये हैं—संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका, जर्मनी, फ्रांस, इटली, स्पेन, नीदरलैंड, आस्ट्रेलिया, बेल्जियम, कनाडा, ब्रिटेन, यूनान, हांगकांग, स्वीडन, इजराएल, न्यूजीलैंड, पुर्तगाल, सिंगापुर और डेनमार्क ।

Performance of E.O.Us and FIZs

3328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evaluated the performance of 100 per cent Export Oriented units in different sectors and Free Trade Zones over the year;

(b) if so, what are the main achievements alnd operational/administrative drawbacks of the schemes and the action taken proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether to make up for shortcomings Government are seriously considering to set up a Free Port in the country to take advantage of liberalisation and globalisation process on the economic front; and

(d) the details of the decision taken/ proposed to be taken in the matter

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : *(a)* Yes, Sir.

(b) Exports by units in Export Processing Zones/Free trade zones and EOUs increased from Rs. 1602.7 Crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 2157.1 Crores in 1991-92. To cope with the changing international scenario, units under these schemes require a smooth working environment, as well as fiscal and other supports to increase competitiveness. Steps taken with this in view, inter-alia, include speedier approval procedures, simplification of policy framework, 100% foreign equity participation,

a five year tax holiday, simplified DTA access with reduced rate of duty, concessional lease rent on industrial plots and sheds allotted in Export Processing Zone? and delegation of powers to the Develop mant Commissioners.

(c) and (d) Inter-ministerial consultations are separately underway on the report submitted by the Committee set up to consider the advisability of establishing a Free Port in the country.

Procedural strangles in Project Exports

3329. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN ; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased ot state .

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Financial Express dated the 8th February 1993 under the caption "Procedural strangle-hold leaves project exports supring for breath";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the observations made therein; and

(c) what are the details of steps taken to streamline the arrangement to boost up project exports ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) The existing Working Group mecha nism is working satisfactorily.

Statement

Comments of Government on major issues raissd in the News item appei'ing in the Financial Express dated the 8th Februry 1993 on the Project Exports.

	ISSUE	COMMENTS
1.	Project exports were a disappointing Rs. 225 cr. against a target of Rs. 1000 crore in 1991-92.	Total project exports including foreign exchange earnings from Consultancy Services increase l from Rs. 1115 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 1417 crores in 1991-92.
2.	Leaking of vital data with respect to bids.	All data furnished by the exporters to Working Group members are treated as extremely confidential and there is no possibility of any leakage.
3.	Apart from registering as project exporter with OCCI which itself is a three month long process with lengthy froms to be filled, the pre-bid clearance from commercial bank, EXIM Bank working group takes another 20 days.	As per the RBI Guidelines to project exporters, exporters are required to submit their application to Working Group at least 10 working days before the last date of bid submission, to facilitate the institutions in undertaking appraisal of the proposals and obtaining internal approvals. However, EXIM Bank reports that proposals are generally received from exporters 5—10 working days before the bid submission date and are granted clearance by the Working Group at short notice. Further, it is not true that the overseas project [illegible] require any clearance